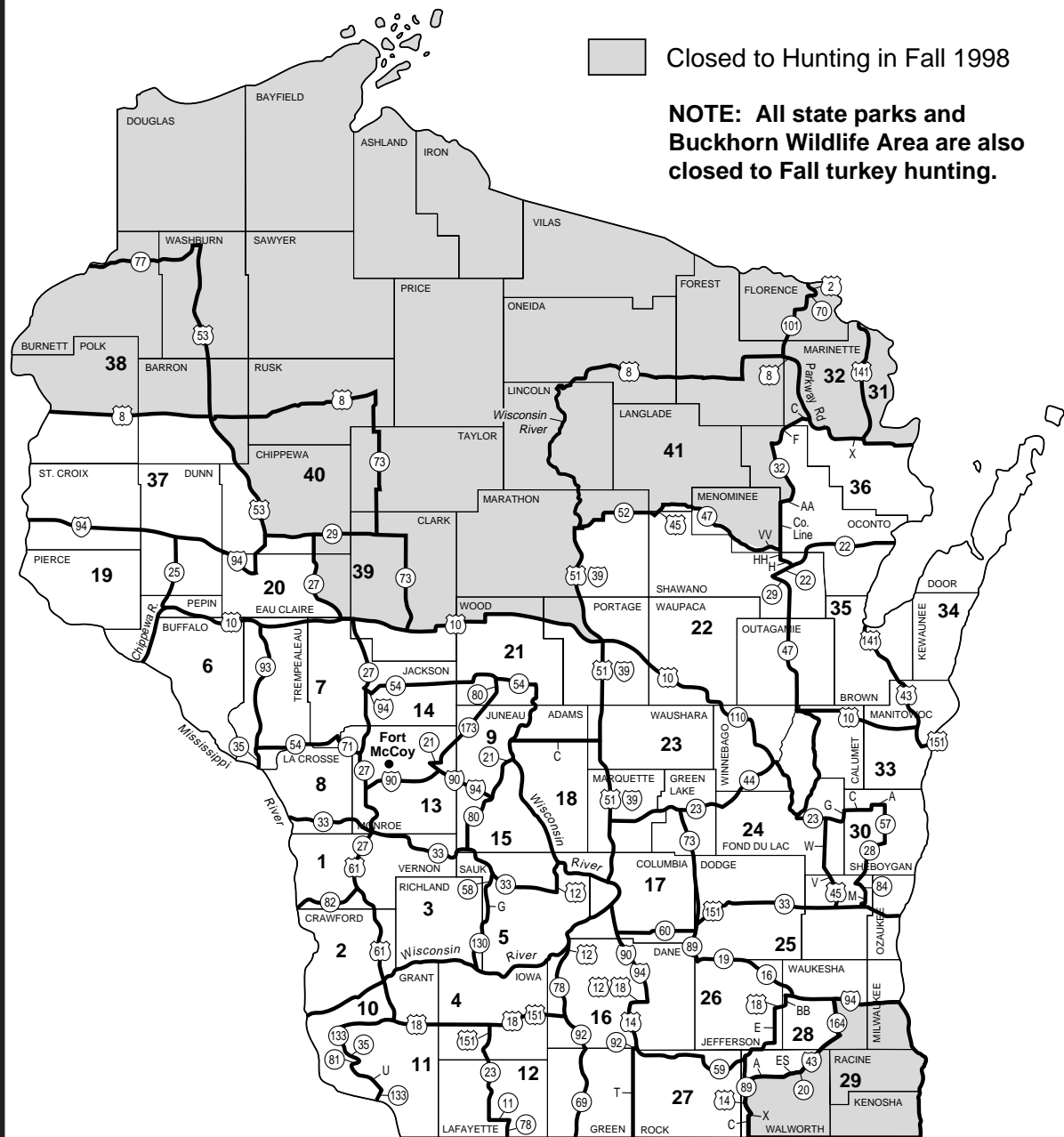


# Fall 1998 Wild Turkey Hunting Zones



NOTE: All state parks and Buckhorn Wildlife Area are also closed to Fall turkey hunting.

## Focus on Safety

Here are a few tips to help ensure that your hunt is a safe one:

- ❖ Be certain what you see or hear is a turkey—not a decoy or person.
- ❖ Do not wear red, blue or white—the color of a gobbler’s head.
- ❖ Consider wearing blaze orange when moving from place to place.
- ❖ When another hunter approaches, never wave, stand or sound a turkey call; use your voice or whistle instead.
- ❖ Avoid stalking turkeys. Use decoys with caution.
- ❖ Select calling or ambush sites with your back to a tree at least as wide as your shoulders and where you can see at least 40 yards in all directions.
- ❖ Never assume you are the only hunter in the woods.
- ❖ Be certain no one is positioned beyond the turkey you are shooting at.
- ❖ Use a flashlight in the dark.

## Reduce Crippling Losses

- ❖ Pattern your gun to know at what distances you have an effective pattern (at least 6 pellets in skull and neck vertebrae).
- ❖ Avoid shooting beyond 35 yards.
- ❖ Aim for the base of the featherless portion of the neck—not at the head.
- ❖ Never shoot at a flying turkey.
- ❖ Be prepared for a second shot if necessary.

## Turkey Hunter Code of Ethics

As a responsible turkey hunter, I will:

- ❖ not let peer pressure or the excitement of the hunt cloud my judgement;
- ❖ hunt the wild turkey fairly;
- ❖ know the capabilities and limitations of my gun or bow, and use it safely;
- ❖ obey and support all wildlife laws, and report all violations;
- ❖ avoid knowingly interfering with another hunter, and will respect the right of others to lawfully share the out-of-doors.
- ❖ value turkey hunting experiences, and appreciate the beauty of the wild turkey;
- ❖ positively identify my target as a legal bird, and insist on a good shot;
- ❖ share responsible turkey hunting with others, and work for wild turkey conservation.

PLEASE READ AND UNDERSTAND THESE REGULATIONS.

# Fall 1998 Wisconsin Wild Turkey Hunting Regulations



1998 Turkey Stamp design by Rockne Kunth, Fond du Lac

## Fall 1998 Season Dates:

The fall turkey season is a 28-day season running from **Oct. 12 to Nov. 8** for all permit holders. This straight season permits greater flexibility for hunters.

## What’s New for 1998:

- All hunters, including turkey hunters, in Deer Management Unit 67A during the antlerless only deer season, Oct. 29–Nov. 1, are required to wear at least 50% blaze orange.



Turkey Hunter:

Over 30,000 fall turkey hunting permits were distributed this year, the tenth fall turkey hunt in Wisconsin. The Wisconsin State Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, sporting groups, and individual hunters like yourself have been the catalyst to the successes of this program.

The continued success of the wild turkey program depends upon you. Please read this regulation pamphlet carefully and make sure you understand the laws surrounding turkey hunting before you go into the field. If you have any questions, contact your local DNR service center. While you are hunting, practice sound hunt ethics and behavior, and always make safety your top priority. Know and use the code of turkey hunting ethics printed in this pamphlet. Before, during and after the hunt, promote safe and ethical hunting among your friends, relatives and hunting partners. The future of hunting depends upon the hunters.

Wild turkeys now number over 200,000 in Wisconsin and the population continues to expand. The result is we are able to offer more hunting opportunity each year. The revenues received from your purchase of turkey stamps are directed specifically back to the turkey resource. This year alone, turkey hunters funded turkey habitat management on over 4,000 acres throughout the turkey range. The contributions you make through turkey stamp purchases are vital to the successes achieved so far and will help to secure the resource for the future.

Have a safe and enjoyable hunt.  
Keith Warnke  
Wild Turkey Program Coordinator

Ask First and Say Thanks!

- ❖ The majority of land within Wisconsin’s turkey management zones is privately owned. Wisconsin landowners appreciate those people who ask permission to hunt and say thanks afterward. This builds important landowner-hunter trust. Remember, entering private lands without permission is unlawful and creates a bad image for all hunters.
- ❖ All hunters are encouraged to scout their hunting territory well in advance of the season. Pre-season scouting correlates strongly with success in bagging turkeys in Wisconsin.

Hunter Selection System

- ❖ **Deadlines:** The application deadlines are **August 10** for the Fall, and **December 10** for the Spring hunting seasons. A \$3.00 application fee is required.
- ❖ **First Preference:** Resident landowners owning 50 or more contiguous acres within an open wild turkey

management zone are eligible for first preference in that zone. They may also transfer their first preference status to an immediate family member or resident farm operator (as defined on the application) for that particular zone.

- ❖ **One-Year Preference:** Resident applicants that applied for, but did not receive a 1997 Fall hunter approval notice were given preference for the 1998 Fall drawing. Spring and Fall preference are tracked separately. Your preference record for Spring hunting will not be used to determine your Fall standing. Preference for remaining notices will go to resident, and finally, to non-resident applicants.
- ❖ **Extra Tags:** Extra tags are randomly issued to hunters that selected the zones that have the extra tags—the same preference system applies to additional drawings.
- ❖ **Fort McCoy:** Applications for Fort McCoy Fall turkey hunting permits may be obtained by writing to Fort McCoy not earlier than August 1 to: Directorate of Public Works; AFRC-FM-PWE-N (Permit Sales); 2171 South 8th Avenue; Ft. McCoy, WI 54656-5136. *Note: You may not apply for a Fort McCoy Fall turkey permit if you plan to or have already applied for a Fall turkey permit in a State of Wisconsin turkey hunting zone. This policy is different from the one that applies to Spring hunting.*

License Requirements

License Cost: \$11.00 resident, \$55.00 nonresident.

- ❖ All successful applicants, **EXCEPT** Conservation Patron license and Senior Citizen Recreation Card holders, must purchase a Fall turkey license to hunt turkeys with either a firearm or bow.
- ❖ Successful applicants are mailed a turkey hunting approval notice, registration stub and carcass tag indicating the zone for which the hunter is authorized to hunt. **The approval notice MUST be shown to license vendors when purchasing a Fall turkey hunting license.**

Turkey Stamp and Carcass Tag

Stamp cost: \$5.25 resident and nonresident.

- ❖ In addition to the license requirement, all turkey hunters, **EXCEPT** Conservation Patron license and Senior Citizen Recreation Card holders, must purchase a 1998 turkey stamp. **The stamp MUST be signed across the face in ink and must be either stapled or affixed to the hunter’s license by the stamp’s own adhesive.**
- ❖ A Fall turkey hunting license, carcass tag, registration stub, and a turkey stamp must be in the possession of the hunter while hunting turkeys.
- ❖ It is illegal to transfer a license, carcass tag, or stamp, or allow their use by anyone else.

Wild Turkey Management Zones

- ❖ You may only hunt in the zone specified on your turkey hunting approval notice and carcass tag. All established turkey zones, except state parks, are shown on the back of this pamphlet. State parks are not open to Fall turkey hunters. Buckhorn State Park and Wildlife Management Area are **closed** to Fall turkey hunting.

Assisting Other Hunters

- ❖ No license is required to call turkeys for another hunter if the caller does not possess a firearm or bow.
- ❖ A guide license is required if the hunting assistant charges a fee.
- ❖ You may not shoot or attempt to shoot a turkey for another hunter to tag.

Bag Limit

- ❖ The bag limit is one turkey of any age or sex per hunting approval notice. If you receive 2 tags for the same zone, you may shoot 2 turkeys on the same day in the designated zone(s).

Other Restrictions

- ❖ You may **not** hunt turkeys:
  1. By any means other than a shotgun or muzzle-loading shotgun fired from the shoulder, or a bow and arrow.
  2. With shotshells loaded with shot larger than no. 4 lead or no. 2 steel; duplex loads containing any shot larger than no. 4 lead or no. 2 steel are also **NOT** legal.
  3. With the aid of recorded bird calls or sounds, or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls or sounds.
  4. With the aid of dogs.
  5. With live decoys for the purposes of enticing turkeys.
  6. With the aid of bait.

Tagging, Transport and Possession

- ❖ Upon killing a turkey, immediately validate the carcass tag by cutting the slit corresponding to the day of kill; then attach and seal the tag to the featherless part of the turkey’s leg.
- ❖ You may not carry by hand, possess or transport a turkey unless you have lawfully killed and tagged the turkey.

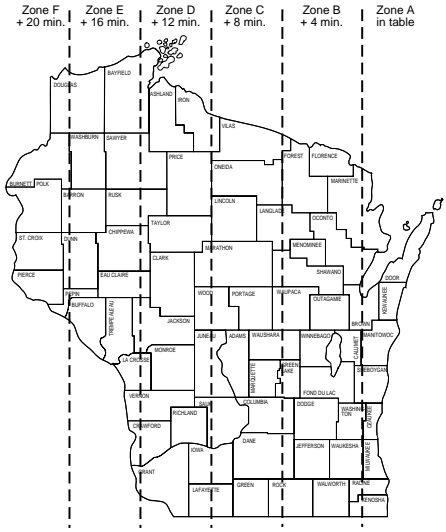
Registration

- ❖ Bring your tagged turkey and registration stub (attached to the hunter approval notice) to any registration station **no later than 5:00 p.m.** on the day after it is killed. An additional registration tag will be attached to lawfully taken turkeys; you **MUST** keep this tag with the meat until it has been eaten.

Hunting Hours

- ❖ Fall turkey hunting hours are from 1/2 hour before sunrise to 15 minutes after sunset each day. Wisconsin’s hunting time zones are shown below.
- ❖ To determine the opening (a.m.) time for all zones except “A”, add the minutes shown (see map) to the Zone A time listed in the table.

Hunting Time-Zones



Season Dates with Zone A Hunting Hours

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|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Oct. 12, 6:31 a.m.–6:30 p.m. | Oct. 26, 5:48 a.m.–5:08 p.m. |
| Oct. 13, 6:32 a.m.–6:28 p.m. | Oct. 27, 5:49 a.m.–5:06 p.m. |
| Oct. 14, 6:33 a.m.–6:26 p.m. | Oct. 28, 5:51 a.m.–5:05 p.m. |
| Oct. 15, 6:35 a.m.–6:25 p.m. | Oct. 29, 5:52 a.m.–5:03 p.m. |
| Oct. 16, 6:36 a.m.–6:23 p.m. | Oct. 30, 5:53 a.m.–5:02 p.m. |
| Oct. 17, 6:37 a.m.–6:21 p.m. | Oct. 31, 5:54 a.m.–5:01 p.m. |
| Oct. 18, 6:38 a.m.–6:20 p.m. | Nov. 1, 5:56 a.m.–4:59 p.m.  |
| Oct. 19, 6:39 a.m.–6:18 p.m. | Nov. 2, 5:57 a.m.–4:58 p.m.  |
| Oct. 20, 6:41 a.m.–6:17 p.m. | Nov. 3, 5:58 a.m.–4:57 p.m.  |
| Oct. 21, 6:42 a.m.–6:15 p.m. | Nov. 4, 5:59 a.m.–4:55 p.m.  |
| Oct. 22, 6:43 a.m.–6:13 p.m. | Nov. 5, 6:01 a.m.–4:54 p.m.  |
| Oct. 23, 6:45 a.m.–6:12 p.m. | Nov. 6, 6:02 a.m.–4:53 p.m.  |
| Oct. 24, 6:46 a.m.–6:10 p.m. | Nov. 7, 6:03 a.m.–4:52 p.m.  |
| Oct. 25, 5:47 a.m.–5:09 p.m. | Nov. 8, 6:05 a.m.–4:51 p.m.  |



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